

The incumbent of the Circuit Court had less experience, but he had surprised every one by the ability with which he had discharged his duties. As for the judge of the Criminal Court, he had in his (Mr. G.'s) estimation taken proper exception to the constitutionality of the act creating the City Court, and hence the conflict of jurisdiction which had been spoken of.

The amount of labor performed by this judge was enormous, hearing 6,000 cases in one year, and however much they might dislike him as a politician, they could not deny that he performed his duties. These charges of corruption were made too lightly.

Mr. Brown did not know whether to further debate this question or not, as it was evident that the Convention took little interest in it. The Convention had, however, decided this whole question. After a very long and exhaustive debate the Convention had decided on the plurality of judges for the counties, and against the one-judge system. If the former system was suited to the counties, it was much more suited to the city of Baltimore.

Gentlemen complained that the old system shall not be uprooted, but he would ask what court were their heart-strings wound about? It could not be the Criminal Court or the Circuit Court, and as for the new court, it had been in existence so short a time that it could not concern any one but perhaps the officers. As for the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas, he had never until today heard that any one maintained that they were of any value. He believed that a great deal of the opinion against the majority report was manufactured. He did not regard the utterances of a heated orator at a ward meeting, and had as yet heard nothing concerning the views of the people in which he placed confidence. He did not believe that the people generally knew anything about it. He believed that this majority report was as perfect a system as could be devised by the ingenuity of man, and he asked this Convention not to weigh them down on the mere assumption of a majority of fifteen from the city in favor of a system which could not be recommended by reason.

The administration of justice must be purified by the